

# Beaverton Police

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The “Three Flags Enforcement Blitz” was completed June 6<sup>th</sup> and Beaverton Police issued over 650 seatbelt citations.

“The most impressive statistic showed that prior to the blitz 90% of motorists were in compliance with seatbelt requirements. The post blitz survey showed that that number had grown to 93% in compliance. That three percent increase can translate into fewer deaths and less critical injuries in motor vehicle collisions”, said Beaverton Chief David G Bishop.

The emphasis has been on seatbelt violations but officers also concentrated on other violations that added to the likelihood of collisions such as speeding and disobeying a traffic control device.

Part of the enforcement blitz was paid for by funds provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation in the form of a grant.

One of the most frequently asked questions is what options a person has if they were issued their “first” seatbelt violation citation. You have the option of:

- Pleading guilty and paying fine assessed by court.
- Pleading not guilty and setting trial date for 30-45 days in future.
- Appear before judge to enter plea and possibly offer explanation.
- Attend seatbelt diversion class. Lesson and court fees apply.